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SRI O. KORAN :—" Is it not a fact that the medicines now supplied to the hospital are quite insufficient and if so what steps Government propose to take to supply more medicines? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information to that effect, Sir."

Arecanut research stations.

* 69 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many arecanut research stations have been established in the State so far;

(*b*) how many of them are situated in the districts of Malabar and South Kanara;

(*c*) the expenditure incurred in establishing them; and

(*d*) the nature of the work undertaken by them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—(*a*) & (*b*) Only one Arecanut Research Station has been established in this State and it is situated at Vittal in South Kanara district.

" (*c*) The Station has been established under a scheme for the investigation of the stem-breaking disease of arecanut palm, sanctioned for a period of ten years from 1st August 1952 with the financial assistance from the Indian Central Arecanut Committee. The expenditure incurred on the scheme from 1st August 1952 to 31st December 1953 is Rs. 27,810–7–8.

" (*d*) Investigation for finding out the factors responsible for the stem-breaking of the arecanut palm and allied disease problems and their treatment are undertaken at this station."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know on whose recommendation the site was chosen? Is it on the recommendation of this Government or Central Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I think the site was chosen on the recommendation of our own experts."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Did the Arecanut Co-operative Marketing Association, Malabar, submit any memorandum and did they make any demand for a research station? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Selection of headmasters for the District Board High Schools in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 70 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any selection of Headmasters for the District Board High Schools in Tiruchirappalli district;